

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : GRODE et al.  
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Examiner : Rodney P. Swartz

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND CONCURRENT  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mailstop: After Final  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2009 and the  
Advisory Action mailed March 26, 2010, please consider the remarks contained  
on the following pages. Accordingly, with a request for a three-month extension  
of time, his response is being timely filed on or before the May 24, 2010 deadline  
(May 23, 2010 falls on a Sunday).

**Remarks** begin on page 2.